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Honorable Agnes Gonzalez
Tribal Chairman
Pit River Tribe
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Dear Chairman Gonzalez:

The Hat Creek Ranger District is starting analysis on the Hat Creek Recreation Enhancement Project, located in existing recreation sites in the Hat Creek corridor south of the town of Hat Creek and north of Lassen Volcanic National Park near highways 44 and 89. Recreation areas occur from Township 34 N, south to Township 31 N, and from Range 3 East, west to Range 5 E, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

The purpose of the Hat Creek Recreation Enhancement Project is to create environmentally and economically sustainable recreation opportunities that protect forest and watershed resources and meet public needs within the Hat Creek recreation corridor between Lassen Volcanic National Park and the town of Hat Creek. The actions within this project are intended to:

- Enhance outdoor recreation opportunities to meet public need and demand by improving safety, access, and services, and by updating and expanding facilities in existing recreation areas.
- Manage recreation uses to protect forest and watershed resources, provide safe and sustainable access to riparian areas, and reduce user conflicts.
- Enhance and sustain recreation and economic benefits to the local communities.
- Remediate areas that have existing user-related damage.

The Proposed Action and Purpose and Need are available on the Lassen National Forest web page at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60492>

At this stage of planning, I am asking for information or concerns that may be useful in my decision making. I am particularly interested in knowing if this proposal poses potential impacts to any traditional activities, practices, or beliefs associated with the project location. In addition, I would like your help identifying locations within the project area of cultural or traditional



importance to your tribe. I would also like to know if there are any additional tribal members that you feel I should notify regarding this proposal.

The Forest Service understands our responsibility to the Tribes and we greatly value the government-to-government relationship we share. We want to ensure that Tribes have the opportunity to determine if this project impacts or has potential to impact Tribal resources of concern. This is in accordance with Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; Department Regulation 1340-007, Policies on American Indians and Alaska Natives; and Department Regulation 1350-001, Tribal Consultation.

Comments, written or oral, may be submitted to: Robin Wall, District Ranger, Hat Creek Ranger District, PO Box 220, Fall River Mills, CA 96028, (530) 336-5521, FAX: (530) 336-3338, during normal business hours. Hat Creek Ranger District Office's business hours are from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Electronic comments, in acceptable plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Word (.doc) formats, may be submitted to:

comments-pacificsouthwest-lassen-hat-creek@usda.gov

Subject: Hat Creek Recreation Enhancement Project.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Pub. L. No. 113-76) and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill) (Pub. L. No. 113-79), projects that are categorically excluded are not subject to pre-decisional administrative review or administrative appeal. Further, they are not subject to legal notice and comment under the pre-decisional administrative review process (36 CFR 218.23).

As always, you may give input at any time on this project until decision, but I am requesting that you respond in writing by October 25, 2021 to ensure that your input can be properly considered as we move into the next phase of the NEPA process. A decision regarding this proposal is expected in November 2021.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor

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